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## News Highlights, June 28 - July 5

*Salisbury Post*

### **Norfolk Southern displays 20 diesel locomotives at NC Transportation Museum**

Rail fans from as far as Japan and England descended upon the N.C. Transportation Museum earlier this week for what was been hailed as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. To commemorate Norfolk Southern Corp.'s 30th anniversary, the Norfolk Southern Heritage Locomotive fleet was on display at the museum. Read more [here](#). To see more photos, click [here](#). Read about an app that tracked the heritage locomotives [here](#).

*The Independent Weekly*

### **In memoriam: Andy Griffith, 1926-2012**

The Indy asked many members of the North Carolina arts community if they'd like to share their thoughts about Andy Griffith, who died at home on Roanoke Island on Tuesday morning at age 86. Here's a selected gathering of their responses. Read more [here](#). For more on Andy Griffith from the State Library and the State Archives, click [here](#).

*New Bern Sun Journal*

### **Tryon Palace features colonial style Independence Day**

Although it was as hot as a firecracker Wednesday, the heat did not deter crowds of people from visiting Tryon Palace during its Independence Day celebration, "The Glorious Fourth!" Read more [here](#).

*Apex Herald*

### **Former pageant queens celebrate opportunities**

When asked how far the Miss North Carolina pageant has come in the 75 years of its existence, former Miss Bladen County and pageant judge Judy Montague had an immediate answer. "I think it's evolved from being a beauty pageant to being a pageant that empowers women," she said. (Montague and many others celebrated the pageant's anniversary at the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh). Read more [here](#).

*Wilmington Star-News*

### **Up for some ghost stories from a paranormal investigator?**

Local author and paranormal investigator Mike Roberts will be hosting a book signing on Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Battleship North Carolina. Roberts has published a book about his experiences researching the paranormal called "I am a Ghost Hunter." Read more [here](#).

*Triangle Arts & Entertainment*

**[North Carolina House and Senate Names 2012 North Carolina Symphony Year](#)**

The N.C. House of Representatives and the Senate officially honored the North Carolina Symphony on its 80th Anniversary season on Tuesday, June 26. Before what appeared to be a full complement of representatives and a well-attended gallery, House Resolution 12 22 was read and it was officially resolved and proclaimed that this would be North Carolina Symphony Year in recognition of the orchestra's statewide education service. Read more [here](#).

*News & Observer*

**[Shaffer: In Eureka, they've found a way to mark 'nuclear mishap'](#)**

In 1961, a distressed B-52 bomber burst apart in midair and crashed in a Wayne County field, killing three airmen, scattering flaming wreckage and dropping a pair of nuclear bombs onto a sleepy farm town. One of those bombs landed in a tree, slowed by its parachute. The other, weighing several tons, struck the ground and tunneled into the earth. For weeks, the military sought the weapon's remains, digging a 40-foot hole that spanned 3 acres. They found some, but not all of the bomb, before they abandoned the search. Read more [here](#).

*Winston-Salem Journal*

**[Seminar looks at life, legacy of Doc Watson](#)**

Friends and musicians gathered Saturday at the N.C. Museum of Art for a symposium about Doc Watson's life and legacy. During the daylong event, participants talked about the roots of Watson's music in the Blue Ridge Mountains and his success in the urban folk scene, as well his style and techniques. Read more [here](#).

*Charlotte Observer/Moms*

**[2nd Saturdays @James K. Polk – Summer Unplugged](#)**

Recently, the kids and I checked out the James K. Polk center in Pineville for their music-themed "2nd Saturday" event. They also had traditional examples of toys that kids would have played with back in the day. Graces ring toss to help girls be graceful, paddle, and ball-on-a-string-in-a-cup. A few very cool history buff kids demonstrated how to play the games and served as delightful little docents. Read more [here](#).

*Beach Carolina Magazine*

**[Roanoke Island Festival Park: N.C. A&T Presents "Songs I Have Always Wanted To Sing"](#)**

North Carolina AT State University returns to Roanoke Island Festival Park with the production, "Songs I have Always Wanted To Sing" on July 2-6 at 7 p.m. in the Indoor Theatre.

Have you ever wanted to sing like Celine Dion or Garth Brooks or even Diana Ross? This musical odyssey is full of some of our favorite songs and music styles. Read more [here](#).

*The Times News*

**[War of 1812 is subject of conference in Beaufort](#)**

A group of speakers gathered to examine the war known as America's forgotten war in a free, daylong conference at the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort. Read more [here](#).